

# September 2007

## Potato Creek State Park

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**PLEASE NOTE:** Programs are free of charge (except as noted) and open to the public after paying the park admission fee.

All programs begin promptly at scheduled times. (Eastern Time Zone)

**PARENTS:** an adult must accompany Children under 14.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2007

10:00 a.m. **THE BUZZ ON BEES** - Explore the amazing world of the honeybee during this talk. 30 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**

2:00 p.m. **REPTILE REVIEW** - Come learn a little about our local reptiles and then meet one up close and personal. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**



### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2007

10:00 a.m. **FEEDING TIME** - Stop by the Nature Center to watch the animals being fed. 30 minutes **MEET: NATURE CENTER**

2:00 p.m. **BEAVER TALES** - Find out why 'nature's engineers' are busy at work cutting trees and making wetlands. 40 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**



### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2007

10:00 a.m. **SQUARE YARD SAFARI** - You will be amazed at all of the life you can find in one square yard. Come see! 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**

2:00 p.m. **AMERICA'S LOST LANDSCAPE: TALLGRASS PRAIRIE** - This extraordinary video takes an in depth look at the prairie ecosystem and its history. 1 hour. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

### TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4-5

**NATURE CENTER CLOSED**



### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2007

10:00 a.m. **IN-SHAPE HIKE** - Come take a 2 mile hike with us as we participate in the Governor's In-Shape Indiana program. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**

2:00 p.m. **OH DEER!** - We'll take a look at the fascinating white-tail deer and the controversies surrounding them. 30 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2007**

**2:00 p.m.**     **MAGNIFICENT MONARCHS** – Discover more about these beautiful butterflies and their migration in this interesting program. 30 minutes.

**MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2007**



**10:00 a.m.**     **SPIDERS!!** - Could you make a web? Find out how it's done as we take a look at these fascinating creatures. 30 minutes.     **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

**2:00 p.m.**     **OWLS** – Discover a few of the special features owls have to make them kings of the night sky. 45 minutes.     **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2007**



**2:00 p.m.**     **FARMLAND TO PARKLAND** – Learn a little about the history of and development of the park in this slide show. 1 hour.     **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2007**

**7:00 p.m.**     **FRIENDS MEETING** – District Forester, Steve Winicker will be the speaker for this month's meeting. Bring a snack to share and get involved!     **MEET: NATURE CENTER**

**PRAIRIE MAZE OPENS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22** - Get a maze guide and test your skills to find your way through the maze and learn about the tall grass prairie at the same time. Guide booklets are available at the Nature Center and Main Gate.

Park at Deer Meadows Picnic Area.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2007**

**10:00 a.m.**     **LEAF RUBBING** – Make your own leaf guide to take home using this creative rubbing technique. 45 minutes.     **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

**2:00 p.m.**     **CREEPY CRAWLIES** - Learn more about some commonly misunderstood creatures called "creepy" and why they are important to the natural world. 45 minutes

**MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2007**

**2:00 p.m.**     **OVERCOATS, NAPS AND VACATIONS** - Find out how plants and animals prepare for winter. 30 minutes.     **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2007     National Public Lands Day**

**9:00 a.m.**     **PARK CLEAN UP** - Join the Friends of Potato Creek as they take part in this national work day to improve our public lands.     **MEET: NATURE CENTER**

# Prairie Harvest Weekend

Prairie Maze: Park at Deer Meadows Pick up guide pamphlets at main gate & nature center

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2007



10:00 a.m.

**PRESCRIBED FIRE DEMONSTRATION** – Hear a little about the planning of a prescribed prairie fire and then see some of the tools demonstrated (weather permitting)

**MEET: NATURE CENTER**

1:00 p.m.

**WOOLY BEARS (\$1 fee)** - It's about time for "wooly-watching." Learn a little about these fuzzy caterpillars and then create one of your own to take home.

**MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

2:00 p.m.



**LEAF PRINT BANDANA (\$5 fee)** – We'll share some crafty ways to capture fall colors and then let you decorate a bandana with colorful leaf prints. Limit 40.

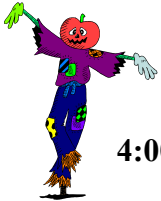
**MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

3:00 p.m.

**NATURAL JEWELRY (\$1 fee)** – Create a unique bracelet out of seeds and other natural items to take with you.

**MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

**Craft Session Fees** - Material fees are per craft supply set. There will be a limited number on some crafts. Craft tickets may be purchased in the Nature Center on Saturday September 23 beginning at 9:00 am.



4:00 p.m.

**SCARE CROW DECORATING CONTEST (\$10/team fee)** – Get together a team and come get creative to win a prize! There will be a limited number of scarecrows, so sign up early. Sign-up begins at 9am at Nature Center. **MEET: NATURE CENTER YARD**

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2006

10:00 a.m.

**PRAIRIE WALK** – Come along on this easy walk to see and learn more about the tall grass prairie of the past. 1 hour.

**MEET: WHISPERING WINDS PICNIC AREA**

2:00 p.m.



**AMERICA'S LOST LANDSCAPE: TALLGRASS PRAIRIE** - This extraordinary video takes an in depth look at the prairie ecosystem and its history. 1 hour.

**MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**



### September Nature Center Hours (Eastern Time)

Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 p.m. Sunday: Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Weekdays: Noon-4:00p.m. CLOSED: September 4-5

